

**Sovereign  
Cloud Stack**

# Back to the original mission: an open cloud operating system

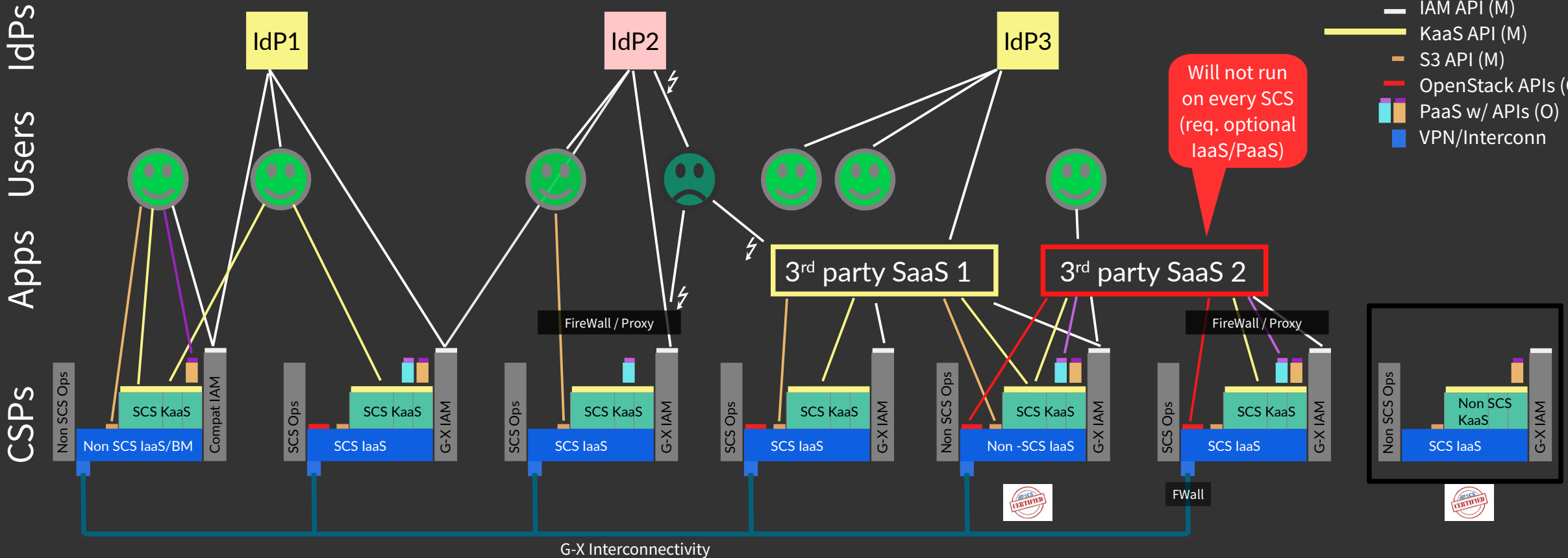
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# CSP ecosystem target (examples)

## Legend: Standard SCS

- IAM API (M)
- KaaS API (M)
- S3 API (M)
- OpenStack APIs (O)
- PaaS w/ APIs (O)
- VPN/Interconn



<p>Prov1: (public)</p> <p>Using preex IaaS or BM, not exposing IaaS, Non-Std Ops, Compat IAM</p> <p>Standard SCS KaaS, S3, PaaS 2</p>	<p>Prov2: (public)</p> <p>Standard SCS Ops, IaaS (exposed), IAM, KaaS, S3, PaaS 1+2</p>	<p>Prov3: (priv/comm)</p> <p>Extra protection (limit users/IdPs)</p> <p>Standard SCS Ops, IaaS (not exposed), IAM, KaaS, S3, PaaS 1</p>	<p>Prov4: (public)</p> <p>Standard SCS Ops, IaaS (exposed), IAM, KaaS, S3</p>	<p>Prov5: (public)</p> <p>Non-Standard Ops, IaaS (but certified &amp; exposed as std)</p> <p>Standard SCS IAM, KaaS, S3, PaaS 1+2</p>	<p>Prov6: (priv/corp)</p> <p>Extra protection for Interconnect, limited federation</p> <p>Standard SCS Ops, IaaS (exp), IAM, KaaS, S3, PaaS 1+2</p>	<p>Prov7: (gov/mil)</p> <p>Air-Gap protected Own KaaS, but compatible (cert)</p> <p>Still using std SCS Ops, IaaS (not exp), IAM, S3, PaaS 2</p>
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# SCS project status



## Small Project team operational

- Young project, current group came together first in Nov 2019
- Coordinating & orchestrating larger community, bringing IT departments and existing and new providers together
- Funded by SPRIN-D for 2020; funding proposal from OSBA for BMWi in finalization to fund central coordination work; allows contributing companies to build up business models; transfer central work to association/foundation later

## Ecosystem

- Growing number of supporting & contributing partners (OSBA members plus companies from Sweden and France); Continuous SCS installations at 2 (physical) + 7 (virtual) providers
- Trademark, Logo, Web page, github SovereignCloudStack and OSISM
- Part of GAIA-X – SCS is Work Package of GAIA-X. Intense collaboration e.g. w/ IAM  
→ Join the GAIA-X summit, Nov 19/20 (virtual event)
- Amazing feedback from many discussions, both industry and public sector
- Public coverage (SPRIN-D, c't, WDR, ... see web page)
- Open for more contributions!

# Webpage

<https://scs.community/>

# & github

[github/SovereignCloudStack](https://github.com/SovereignCloudStack)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sovereign Cloud Stack website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SCS logo and several utility icons (home, mail, phone, refresh, document, code). Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "(OpenStack), we are building on top of Open Source Infrastructure Manager." Underneath, there are three main sections: "Job openings" with a list item "Container Infrastructure Architect", "Supporting companies" which features a grid of logos for various partners including B1 Systems, BetaCloud Solutions, CityNetwork, Cloud & Heat, Dilosacon, Gonicus, OpenCore, OSB Alliance, OX, OSF, OVHcloud, Plusseryer, and SPRIN-D, and Univention. At the bottom left, there is a footer with a URL and a data protection statement.

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for Sovereign Cloud Stack. The repository is named "testbed-gx-scs" and is described as "GAIA-X Sovereign Cloud Stack (SCS) testbed". It has a "gaia-x" topic tag and shows 0 forks, 0 stars, 0 issues, and 0 pull requests, updated 9 days ago. Below this, there are several other repositories listed with their respective descriptions and statistics: "website" (Base content for scs.community, 1 HTML file, GPL-3.0 license, 1 fork, 2 stars, 2 issues, 0 pull requests, updated 9 days ago), "testbed" (Forked from osism/testbed, Hyperconverged infrastructure (HCI) testbed based on OpenStack and Ceph, 5 forks, 2 stars, 0 issues, 0 pull requests, updated 10 days ago), "poc-gardener" (Automatically set up SAP Gardener on SCS compliant IaaS, 0 forks, 0 stars, 0 issues, 0 pull requests, updated 12 days ago), "Design-Docs" (Design Documents, Architecture etc. for SCS and related technology, 0 forks, 1 star, 2 issues, 1 pull request, updated 13 days ago), and "k8s-gatekeeper".

# SCS technical status (2020-10)

## Infra + IaaS + Ops reference implementation pieces operational

- Includes Bare Metal install (MaaS), inventory (Netbox), zabbix, automated containerized install (using ansible) of Manager with Management tooling (ELK, Netdata, ARI, prometheus, skydive, patchman, DB, MsgQ, ...) and Hyperconverged Nodes (with KVM, encrypted ceph, OvS/OVN, core OpenStack plus octavia, barbican – vanilla kolla-ansible)
- Virtual deployment (“testbed”) can be done on top of another IaaS using terraform – self-hosting (SCS testbed on SCS physical) works of course – ~60 – 90min deployment time.
- Virtual deployment useful for demos, CI testing (smoke-tests, refstack, API monitoring, more TBD ...), validating upgrades, exploration, ...
- Physical deployments on Bare Metal at two providers (Betacloud (prod), PlusServer)
- Virtual deployment tested on half a dozen providers (Betacloud, PlusServer, CityNetwork, OVH, teuto, OTC – with patches)
- Testbed for GAIA-X ID-Federation using keycloak as ID-Proxy
- Strong SCS standard definitions at IaaS layer (images, flavors, AZ meaning etc.) is WIP

## Container layer in development:

- Working with SAP Gardener, kubermatic, Giantswarm, rancher (rke) – challenge is missing standardization for k8s cluster management – MVP planned for Q1/21, OpenStack k8s cluster API provider?

## Using testbed framework also for automating other GAIA-X infra, e.g. IAM



# Flow of automated deployment (currently covering: Infra, IaaS, Ops)



Physical SCS can of course host virtual SCS  
Nested virtualization support recommended



**Physical deployment**  
Production („Live“)

Server buying,  
racking,  
cabling

MaaS  
Netbox  
zabbix

Ansible: Setup Mgr, Nodes:  
- Infra: Database, MemCache, rabbitMQ  
- Infra: ceph+radosgw, OvS/OVN  
- OpsTooling: ARA, ELK, netdata, prometheus patchman  
- IaaS: OpenStack Core (nova, keystone, ...)  
- Validation (WIP): Smoke tests, confest, RefStack, OPA

**Virtual (testbed) deployment**  
Dev, Testing / CI („Ref/Test“)  
Demo, Explore, Debug, ...

Bootstrap:  
terraform  
(on IaaS)

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~90min



<https://github.com/OSISM>

<https://docs.osism.de/>

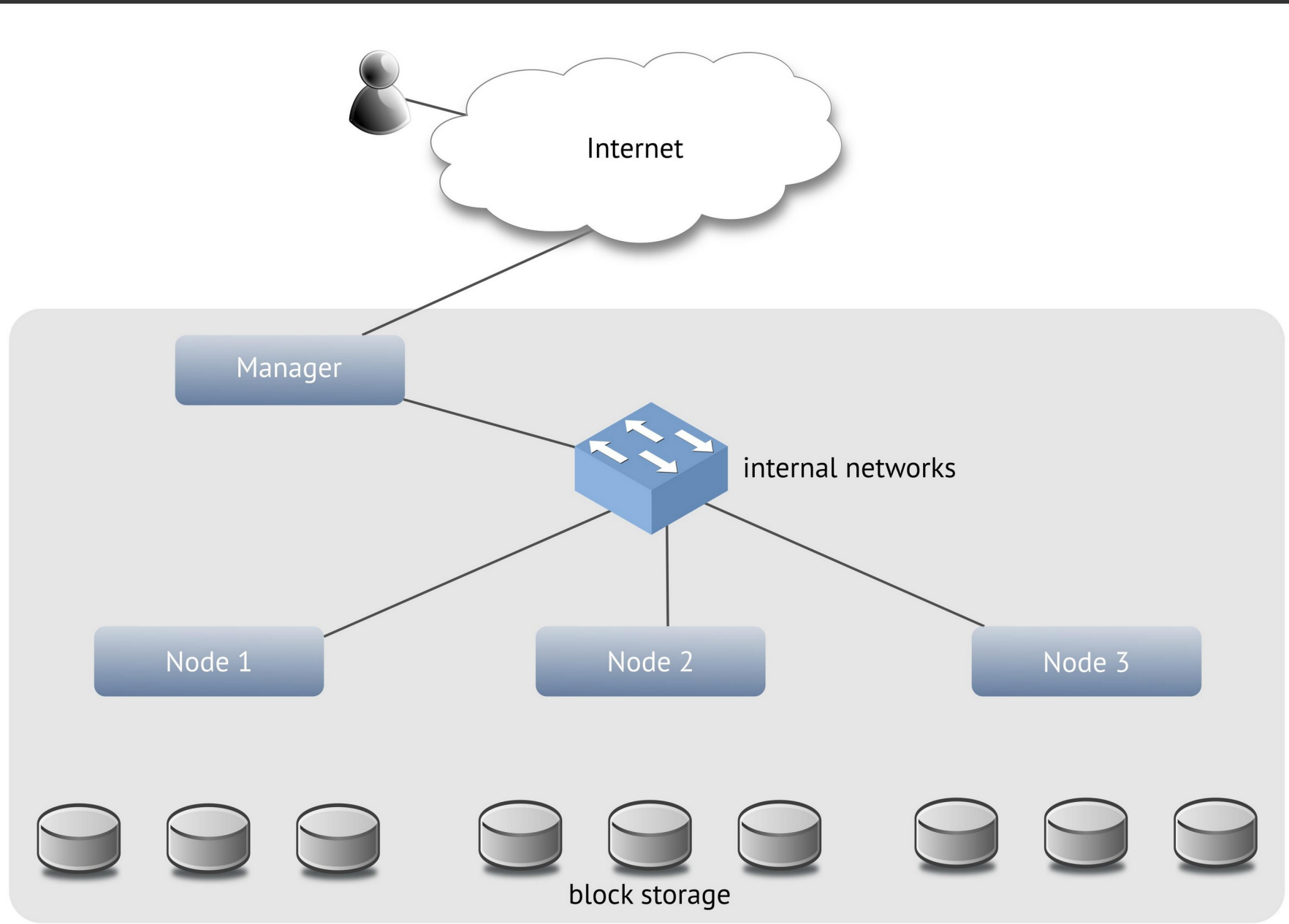
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# Optional Testbed Demo

# Minimal testbed setup





# Porting testbed to new cloud

Ensure command line access (openstack client tools) work, install sshuttle, terraform

Ensure sufficient quota (openstack quota show): min = 104GiB RAM, 28Cores, 90GiB Storage (+root volumes) on 9 vols, router, 6nets+subnets, 6SGs (50rules), 1FIP, 4 instances

Fill in configuration (environment-xxx.tfvars)

- Availability zone
- Flavors (manager, HCI nodes)
- Name of public net
- Image name (Ubuntu 18.04)

**Special work (OVH, OTC) as needed**

```
make deploy-openstack watch \  
ENVIRONMENT=xxx
```

```
make sshuttle
```

**Webinterfaces:**

<https://docs.osism.de/testbed/usage.html#webinterfaces>

**Port to terraform libvirt provider WIP**

```
cloud_provider = "ovh"  
availability_zone = "nova"  
volume_availability_zone = "nova"  
network_availability_zone = "nova"  
flavor_node = "c2-15"  
flavor_manager = "s1-8"  
image = "Ubuntu 18.04"  
public = "Ext-Net"  
volume_size_storage = "10"  
port_security_enabled = null  
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# Testbed demo

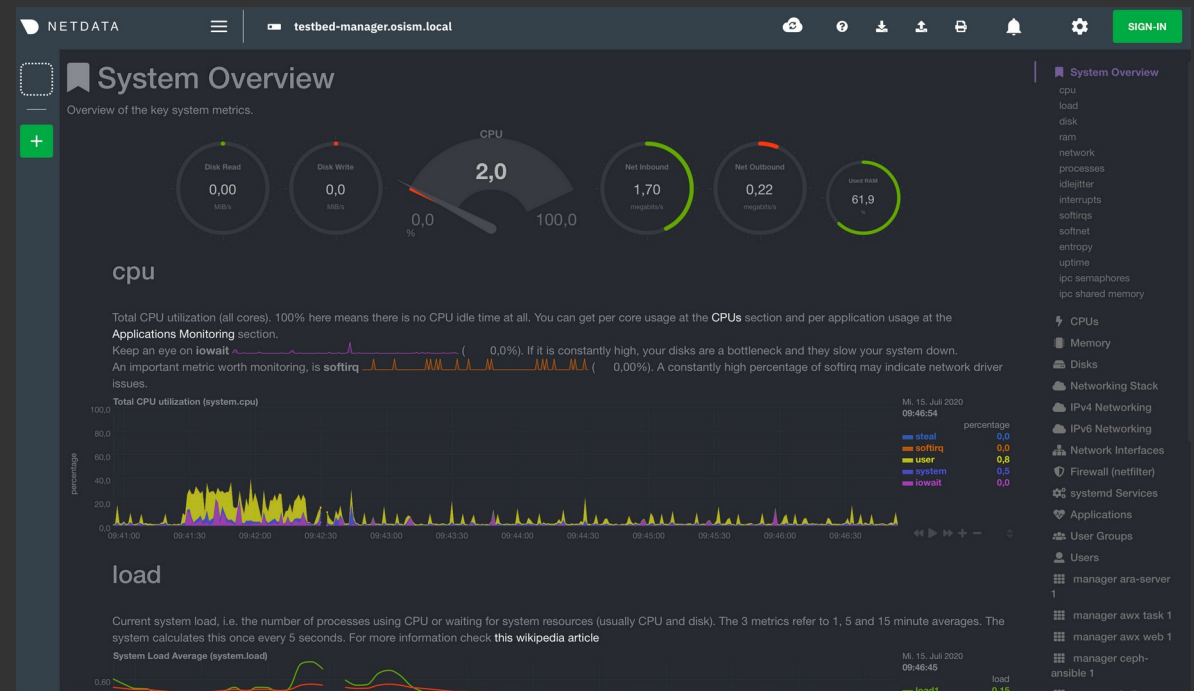
SCS base (OSISM) testbed running on Betacloud, PlusServer, CityCloud, OVH, OTC, C&H

## Videos (testbed deployment)

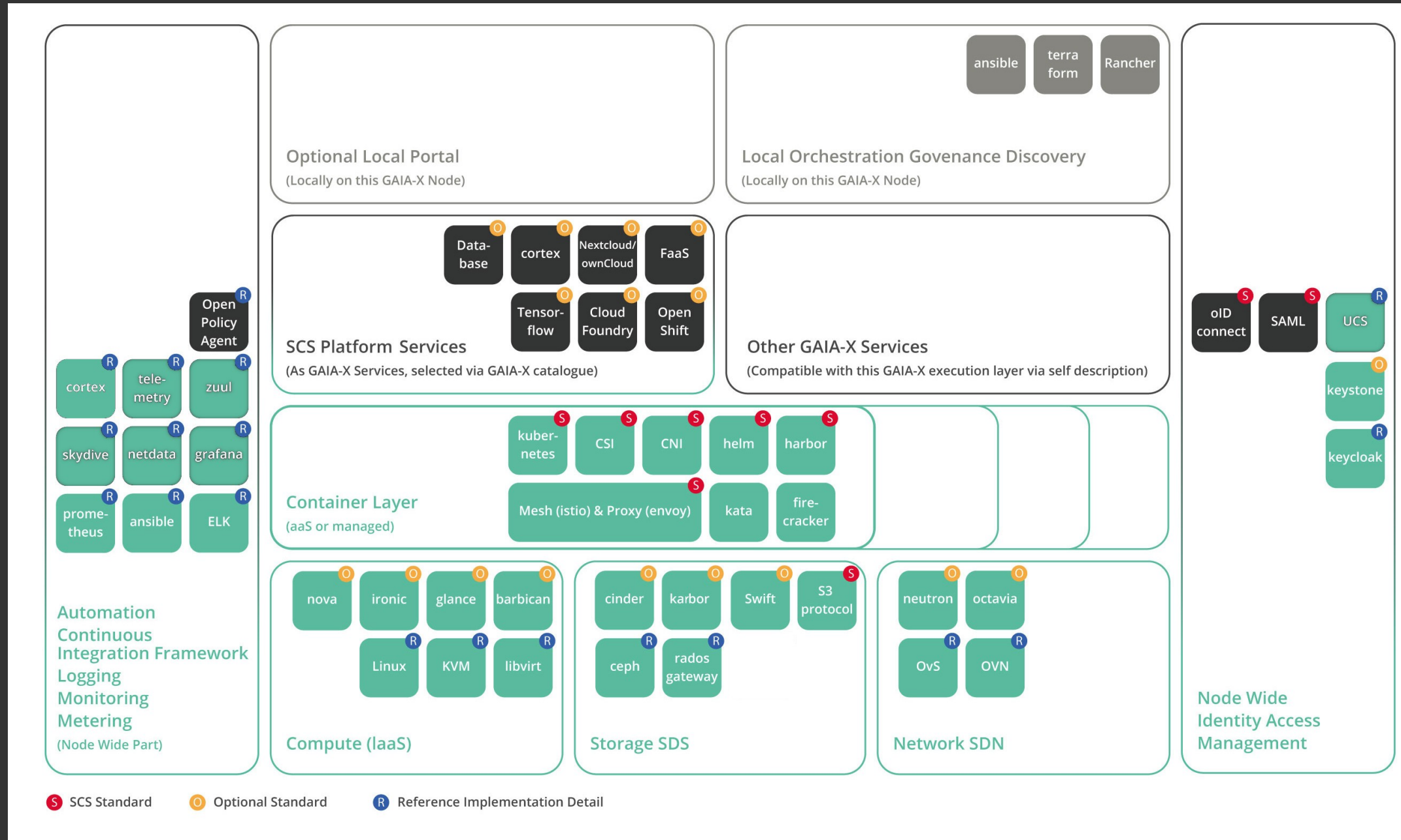
- Start Deployment (terraform, make deploy-openstack watch)  
<https://asciinema.org/a/fCxgxV8a5bJMtubw8mBPdtozl>
- Ceph & OpenStack deployment  
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## Web interfaces

- Ceph dashboard
- Cockpit
- netdata
- Skydive
- Patchman
- Kibana
- Horizon
- ...



# Architecture (current status)



# Roadmap

Automate deployment for Infra, IaaS, OpsTools ✓  
 Resolve k8saaS automation std challenge (v1 until end of 2020)  
 Strengthen CI (ongoing)  
 Implement daily updates for production (v1 in 2020)  
 Implement OPA policies (v1 in 2020)  
 Document SCS certification requirements (1H 2021)  
 Create plan for Security Certifications (BSI, TC, ISO, ...)  
 Start implementing first PaaS services (DB, Big Data, ...) (1H2021)  
 Cloud federation use cases (1H2021)  
 Automation for SCS certification (2H2022)  
 Monitoring driven mitigation – remediation workflows (v1 in 2H2021)  
 Access to acceleration technologies (2H2021)  
 SDN scalability work (1H2022)  
 Cross-cloud orchestration & monitoring (1H2022)  
 Utilization optimizations (2022)  
 Developer toolchain (starting in 2021)  
 Simplified stacks for special use cases (2022)  
 AI supported operations (2023)

2020

WG/WorkPkg in GAIA-X ✓  
 Code on github ✓  
 Press / WebPage ✓  
 GAIA-X AISBL incorp  
 More virtual SCS deployments  
 Leverage GAIA-X IAM and Network  
 Funding

2021

Developer onboarding (ongoing)  
 Productive use (IaaS)  
 Sec Certification

2022

SCS foundation/association  
 Productive use (KaaS)  
 Partner ecosystem (support, training, ...)

Ecosystem growth

2023

EPI collaboration?

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# PaaS, SaaS

Self-service in own cluster with operator provided repository of curated building blocks

Operator managed shared cluster for higher-level services (PaaS and SaaS)

- Use k8s operators for these
  - DBaaS, AI/ML, FaaS, Collaboration, DevStory
- Open Source projects like Stackable, Postgres, Tensorflow, Nextcloud/Owncloud, Collabora, OX, CloudFoundry, OpenShift, ...
- Developer story
  - Provide tooling for automation (helm, terraform etc.) and CI/CD (zuul, Jenkins, ...)
  - Registry and Security scanning tools (harbor, octarine, ...)
  - Tracing, auditing, monitoring (cortex)
  - Documentation (Best Practices ...)
  - Many more possibilities ...
- Be the best platform for GAIA-X federation services
- Be a very good platform for GAIA-X data services (IDSA et.al.)

## Status: Concept phase

- Space not yet mapped out completely, some PoCs done (harbor, minio, ...)
- Leave space for ecosystem – move up the stack **slowly and predictably**



# Container layer (K8s aaS)

## Cater to the Infra-as-Code use case

- Full control over kubernetes (k8s) cluster for customer („unmanaged“)
- K8s aaS: One or several k8s cluster(s) per tenant, self-service deployment (k8s cluster API)
- Standardized across SCS providers

## Tooling included (also standardized)

- Storage/Network (CSI/CNI), mesh & ingress, application deployment automation
- Repository & Security Scanning
- Monitoring & Tracing tools



## Approach reusable for providing managed clusters for customer containers

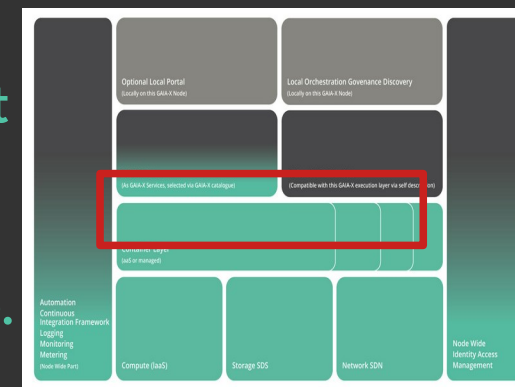
- Shared clusters are a challenge though (investigating  $\mu$ -VMs/kata/firecracker)

## Operator managed shared cluster for higher-level services (PaaS and SaaS)



Status: k8s cluster API adoption & maturity needs work => not standardizable yet  
Working with partners & upstream to move forward.

Fill the gap: PoCs with SAP Gardener, Kubermatic, Rancher (rke) => GitHub.  
More underway. Potentially use OpenStack k8s cluster API provider meanwhile.





# Infra & IaaS

## Avoid K8s aaS on naked hardware

- Multitenancy & Isolation challenge
- Hardware management, automation, metering challenge

## IaaS

- OpenStack core services (keystone, nova, neutron, cinder, glance) plus a few (ironic, barbican, octavia, telemetry)
- Containerized for easy life cycle management (kolla-ansible)
- Basically what's needed for K8s aaS
- Exposure to end customers optional (but standardized)

## Storage

- Ceph, containerized (ceph-ansible), encrypted data at rest
- Providing block storage and object storage (s3 = standard, swift optional)

## Networking

- OVS / OVN

## Status

- Working (Exposure needed due to lack of standardization for k8s aaS layer)



# Ops, Tooling, IAM, CI/CD

## Operator focus

- Complete toolset & best practices, all openly shared
- Daily automated deployment/update with CI (more coverage WIP)
- Logging (ELK), Monitoring (netdata, skydive, prometheus/cortex, grafana), Alerting

## Identity & Access Management (IAM)

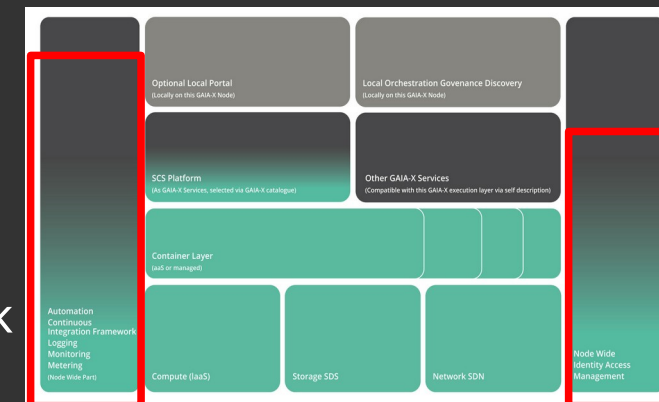
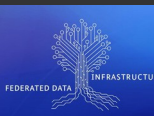
- Admin/Service account policies, 2FA (via UCS/keycloak)
- Tenants can use federation (oid connect, SAML), sharing IDs across clouds

## Certification (TBD)

- SCS certification guarantees standards compliance (InterOp), quality, security
- Prepare security certifications (TC, BSI, ...)
- GAIA-X self-descriptions

## Status

- Deployment automation, CI, Monitoring, Logging working
- IAM: Working for IaaS (keystone), testbed implementation for addtl. keycloak
- Auditing & tracing TBD (confest, OPA, ... WIP)



# SCS Summary

**GAIA-X and SCS buildx a network of providers of interoperable, federated services (not: one European hyperscaler).**

**SCS helps GAIA-X node providers to easily deliver modern interoperable, federated infrastructure.**

**It does so by defining certifiable standards, delivering a modular open source implementation and building a provider ecosystem in which we share the tools and best practices for operating it.**

**SCS status: Automated deployment for Infra, Ops Tools, IaaS in daily use (CI) and in production (Betacloud). K8s aaS not yet standardizable, automation available for Gardener, Kubermatic, Rancher.**

**We have challenges with k8s cluster management standardization.**

**Nice traction in industry, CSPs and public sector.**



Join us!

Questions?

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